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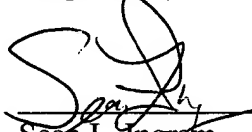
Pursuant to the Decision on Appeal mailed July 13, 2005, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences ("Board") has not sustained the rejection of dependent claims 23, 24, 27, 35, 36, 40, and 42.

Claims 9, 12, 21, 22, 25-36, and 38-45 are pending in this application and have been amended as follows: independent claim 9 includes the features of dependent claim 40; independent claim 21 includes the features of dependent claim 23; claim 27 is written in independent form to include the features of base claim 21; claim 35 is written in independent form to include the features of base claim 21; and claim 42 is written in independent form to include the features of base claim 9. Thus, claims 9, 12, 21, 22, 25-36, and 38-45 are in condition for allowance. Claims 14, 23, 24, 37, 40, 46 and 47 are cancelled by this Amendment. In view of the foregoing amendments and the decision of the Board, reconsideration and allowance of all these claims are requested.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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